

## Department for the Aging

Julie Christopher, Commissioner

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors

Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Tim M. Catherman, Deputy Commissioner, Support Services

**DATE:** April 11, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Area Plan Training

This year VDA is not making any major changes to the area plan reporting forms and budget. We will reissue the plan document with correct dates on our website in the near future. Since changes are minimal, we are not planning to hold formal training this year. However if you would like individual training or answers to specific questions, we can accommodate that. In addition, VDA staff will review the budget forms during the Financial Management Training and can take Area Plan questions. As always VDA staff is available by telephone or e-mail.

If you have any questions please call me.

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**TO:** Executive Directors

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Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Warren J. McKeon

**DATE:** April 11, 2006

SUBJECT: VICAP and Long Term Care Awareness Final Close Out Report

Grant Period - 04/01/2005 to 03/31/2006

A close out (settlement) report for the fiscal period April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006 for VICAP and Long Term Care Awareness is due on or before May 3, 2006. An electronic version of the VICAP closeout report is available on the VDA website, <a href="https://www.vda.virginia.gov">www.vda.virginia.gov</a>. Please e-mail the completed report to <a href="mailto:reports@vda.virginia.gov">reports@vda.virginia.gov</a> and name the file, VICAP Closeout Report PSAxx (Insert your PSA number in the integers, xx).

The total available amounts contained in your VICAP contract Summary of Obligations, should agree with the totals in the VICAP Close Out Report, Approved Budget columns. The total available amounts include unencumbered cash and unadvanced balances as of 03/31/05 from last year's close out report. If you have any questions, please contact me at (804) 662-9320 or by e-mail.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors

Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Janet Dingle Brown, Guardianship & Legal Services Coordinator

**DATE:** April 11, 2006

**SUBJECT: Virginia Advance Directives Day is April 18th** 

Below is information on Virginia's first Advance Directives Day (April 18). Please use the website mentioned below or telephone Mr. Nathan A. Kottkamp, McGuire Woods LLP, directly at (804) 775-1092 if you would like to participate.

On April 18, 2006, the health care and legal communities of Virginia will launch an unprecedented initiative to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for health care decisions related to end-of-life care and medical decision-making when patients are unable to speak for themselves. Virginia Advance Directives Day will encourage the specific use of Advance Directives (living wills and designation of a health care agent) to communicate these important health care decisions.

On Virginia Advance Directives Day, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospices, continuing care retirement communities, and physicians throughout Virginia will be providing the public with educational materials and free forms to encourage Virginians to communicate their health care decisions in writing. More than 150 facilities in every corner of Virginia have already committed to participating, and responses continue to stream in.

Various events and programs will be offered at other health care facilities throughout the state, all of which are listed on the web page dedicated to this event (check with your local provider for specific times);

<u>www.vsb.org\sections\hl\advancedirectivesday2006.html</u>. The Advance Directives Day web page also contains free forms (including a large print form), educational information (including links for organizations that offer forms for people in other states).

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: **Executive Directors** 

Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Ellen M. Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: April 11, 2006

**SUBJECT:** National Family Caregiver Support Program

### **Kinship Care**

#### **Title IV E Demonstration Waiver**

Lyndell Lewis, Family Preservation Program Supervisor at the Virginia Department for Social Services, announces that the Federal Government had granted Virginia a Title IV E Demonstration Waiver. Children who are in the Department of Social Services foster care system can bring their Title IV E payments with them if they leave the foster care system to reside in a kinship care situation. For further information on the waiver program and qualifications for participation, contact Lyndell Lewis at the Virginia Department of Social Services. <u>lyndell.lewis@dss.virginia.gov</u>

#### **Hampton Roads Regional Task Force on Kinship Care**

The Hampton Roads Task Force will sponsor a conference examining ways to strengthen the family by supporting African American and Latino males' journey to manhood. Dr. Nancy Boyd-Franklin, a family therapist, psychologist and professor at Rutgers University, will lead the discussion. The conference will be held May 4, 2006 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for a cost of \$35.00. Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee for the event that will be held at the Scott Dozier Dining Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Ballroom at Norfolk State University. For more information, contact Clifford Barnett or Suzette Leathers at 757-393-0570. Norfolk State University and VISSTA are also sponsors of the event.

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SUBJECT: National Family Caregiver Support Program Page 2 of 2

#### **Kinship Care Support Groups**

Are there kinship care support groups in your planning district? VDA would like to know about these groups. Please send names and contact information for any support groups in your area to: <a href="mailto:Ellen.Nau@vda.virginia.gov">Ellen.Nau@vda.virginia.gov</a>
Thank you!

#### **Baby Boomer Information**

Technology and Innovation in an Emerging Senior Boomer Marketplace

Now available at <a href="http://www.technology.gov/Reports.htm">http://www.technology.gov/Reports.htm</a> is a white paper prepared for the White House Conference on Aging by the Technology Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Entitled *Technology and Innovation in an Emerging Senior Boomer Marketplace*, the paper examines a number of issues, barriers and responses relating to technology for an aging population. The paper purports that for today's aging population, technology will be designed to promote independence, productivity, independence and a good quality of life – as opposed to previous aging generations' dependence on hospital and nursing home care.

#### 10 Days That Unexpectedly Changed America

The History Channel credits Baby Boomers for initiating two of the days that unexpectedly changed America's social, political and cultural climate in a dramatic way. <a href="http://www.historychannel.com/10days/">http://www.historychannel.com/10days/</a>

When America Was Rocked airs Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 9:00 P.M. and explores the radical cultural change affecting manners and morals in the United States initiated by the music of Elvis Presley. 82% of households with televisions tuned into the singer's September 9, 1956 Ed Sullivan Show performance.

Freedom Summer airs Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 9:00 P.M. and relates the story of the summer of 1964. White college student volunteers were recruited to register black voters throughout the nation. June 21, 1964 two of these volunteers and a Mississippi black civil rights worker were murdered at the hands of the Klu Klux Klan in Philadelphia, Mississippi. The mastermind of the murder plot was convicted in 2005.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Executive Directors

Area Agencies on Aging

AND: AIM System Managers

FROM: Leonard Eshmont

Information System Administrator

DATE: April 11, 2006

RE: Virginia Aging Information System - AIM Report Writer Training

VDA will hold <u>AIM Introductory Infomaker Report Writer</u> training on Wednesday and Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006. We will be covering in detail how to write several basic reports as well as modify existing ones. Prerequisites include knowledge of basic database terminology and concepts. This is a full two-day training course by Dwayne Oedewaldt with the Saber Corporation. Class time the initial day, June 14<sup>th</sup> will be from 10 am to 5:00 pm. Second day class times will be 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. This is "hands-on" training that will take place at the Wythe Building(Hopewell Lab) within our Forest Office Complex.

Registration fee is \$100.00 per person, but limited to the first fifteen participants and <u>payment must be received in advance</u>. Because registration is limited, this training is offered on first come, first serve basis. Once registered, please send a check for this fee made payable to Virginia Department for the Aging with notation "AIM Report Writer Training" to our office attention Leonard Eshmont. Participants will be responsible for their own transportation, meals, and lodging.

Lodging is available for the nights of June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza Hotel Richmond West. Rates are \$96.00 per room plus applicable taxes. Reservations can be obtained by calling toll free (804) 285-9951 and acknowledging that you are with the VDA event. Reservations must be made no later than Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006; otherwise there is no guarantee a room will be available at the time of your request.

Directions to the Wythe Building within the Forest Office Park and to the above mentioned hotel have been included. Please respond by May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 if you have personnel that would like to attend this event. I can be reached by phone at (804) 662-9800 or email at Leonard.Eshmont@vda.virginia.gov.

## Directions to 1604 Santa Rosa Road Previously Referred to as the Wythe Building

Forest Office Park 1604 Santa Rosa Road 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Hopewell Lab) Richmond, VA 23229 804-662-7470

#### See Map Below

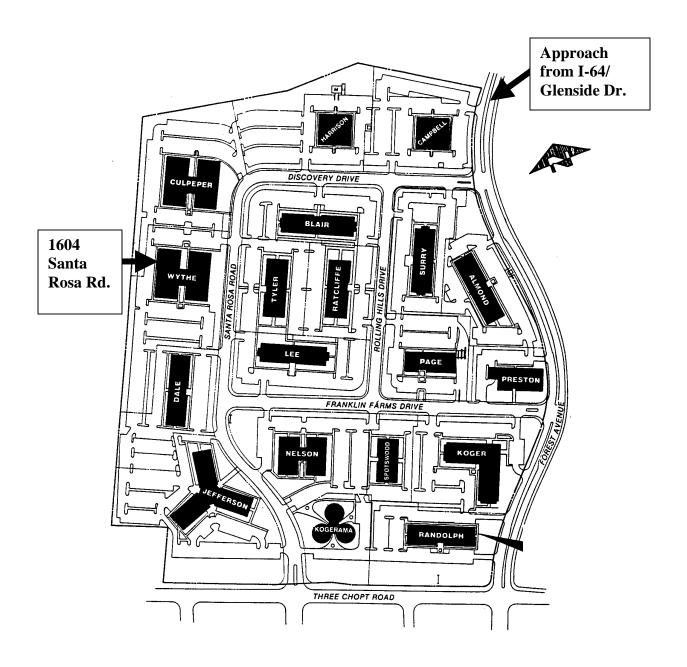
**Traveling on Interstate 64 East:** Approaching Richmond from the west (Roanoke, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, etc.), take the BROAD ST. ROAD/GLENSIDE DRIVE EXIT 183 off I-64. Go RIGHT off the exit onto GLENSIDE DRIVE, following the blue hospital sign. **Go to "Final Approach" below.** 

**Traveling on Interstate 64 West:** Approaching Richmond from the east (Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Williamsburg, etc.), follow I-64 West through Richmond using I-95 North. Leave I-95 North at the CHARLOTTESVILLE EXIT, continuing on I-64 West. Take the GLENSIDE DRIVE SOUTH EXIT 183A. **Go to "Final Approach" below.** 

Traveling on Interstate 95 North: Approaching Richmond from the south (Hopewell, Petersburg, Emporia, etc.) take the CHARLOTTESVILLE EXIT onto I-64 West. Take the GLENSIDE DRIVE SOUTH EXIT 183A. **Go to "Final Approach" below.** 

**Traveling on Interstate 95 South:** Approaching Richmond from the north (Winchester, Fairfax, Arlington, etc.) take the I-295 EXIT marked CHARLOTTESVILLE I-64. When I-295 ends, in approximately 9 miles, take the I-64 EAST EXIT toward Richmond. Take the BROAD ST./GLENSIDE DRIVE EXIT 183. Go RIGHT off the exit, following the blue hospital sign. **Go to "Final Approach" below.** 

Final Approach: Continue on GLENSIDE DRIVE a short distance (3/10 mi.) to the stoplight at FOREST AVENUE. Turn RIGHT onto FOREST AVENUE and continue approximately 1½ miles to the stoplight at DISCOVERY DRIVE (you will cross SKIPWITH ROAD and pass HENRICO DOCTORS' HOSPITAL on the left.) At the stoplight, turn RIGHT onto DISCOVERY DRIVE. DISCOVERY DRIVE turns sharply to the left and becomes SANTA ROSA ROAD. As you make this turn, building 1604 is on your right. There is parking on three sides of the building.



# Virginia Department for Aging AIM Workshop June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Directions to the Crown Plaza Richmond West (formerly Holiday Inn)
Richmond (I-64 and West Broad Street)
6531 West Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23230
Ph. (804) 285-9951

**From North of Richmond:** Take I-95 South to Exit 79 (I-64 West/I-195 South). Take Exit 183B (Broad Street East). Go approximately 1/5 mile bear right on Broad Street. Go approximately 1/10 mile to the Crown Plaza.

**From South of Richmond:** Take I-95 North to Exit 79 (I-64 West/I-195 South). Take Exit 183B (Broad Street East). Go approximately 1/5 mile bear right on Broad Street. Go approximately 1/10 mile to the Crown Plaza.

**From East of Richmond:** Take I-64 West to Exit 183B (Broad Street East). Go approximately 1/5 mile bear right on Broad Street. Go approximately 1/10 mile to the Crown Plaza.

**From West of Richmond:** Take I-64 East to Exit 183B (Broad Street East). Go approximately 1/5 mile bear right on Broad Street. Go approximately 1/10 mile to the Crown Plaza.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors, Information & Referral Assistance Specialists, Care

Coordinators - Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Faye D. Cates, MSSW, Human Services Program Coordinator

Ellen Nau, MA, Human Services Program Coordinator

**DATE:** April 11, 2006

SUBJECT: JOINT AGING INFORMATION & REFERRAL/CARE COORDINATION

TRAINING – VAIRS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MAY 17-18, 2006

We are excited about the training opportunities available via the Joint Aging Information and Referral(I&R)/ Care Coordination & Virginia Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (VAIRS) Annual Conference, to be held May 17 – 18, 2006, at Holiday Inn – Select, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Attached is a copy of the registration form which has a brief description of the workshop selections. The registration form can also be found on the VAIRS web site, www.vairs.org, and click on the "Training" link.

With so many hurricanes last year, most memorable, Hurricane Katrina, aging and VAIRS will focus on emergency preparedness. The morning segment of the aging training will address preparing your I&R for disasters, and we will have 2 speakers who worked with Hurricane Katrina evacuees, one is an area agency on aging. Also we will have staff from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to talk about Virginia Citizens Corps and its role during national disasters. The afternoon segment will be a workshop on Latin culture. This will be a very lively and dynamic session, so please come prepared to learn and be entertained.

At the VAIRS Annual Conference there will be opportunity to take the National I&R Certification Exam. Remember you must pre-register, so go to the AIRS web site for information. AIRS must receive your exam registration fee and form 30 days before the exam.

The VAIRS conference luncheon keynote speaker was involved in the 2-1-1 initiative and will speak on its involvement in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. *2-1-1Virginia*, the universal health and human services information and referral number was launched in Virginia in February 2006 by Governor Tim Kaine. For those of you unfamiliar with the service, there is a workshop on May 17 at 11:00a.m., *Introducing 2-1-1 Virginia*. This service will be delivered via the Virginia's six Department of Social Services administered I&R Centers. We look forward to seeing you May 17-18 in Fredericksburg.

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#### Virginia Department for the Aging

#### Information & Referral / Care Coordination Annual Training

May 18, 2006, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Holiday Inn Select - 2801 Plank Road - Fredericksburg, Virginia

Get a second day of training for only \$27.00!

8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 Opening Session

#### **Workshops & Leaders**

#### 9:15 Preparing your I&R for Disasters

How should information and referral providers best position themselves to connect people to critical resources in times of disaster? This session will address the value of pre-planning. Faye D. Cates, MSSW, Human Services Program Coordinator

#### 9:45 Service Delivery For Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

Hear from service providers who worked with local agencies in resettling Katrina evacuees. Cathy Spriggs, Long Term Care Director, Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia; Seyoum Berhe, Director of Refugee Resettlement, Diocese of Arlington

## 10:45 Virginia's Emergency Response Coordination Efforts *Virginia Citizen Corps & Volunteer Coordination*

Learn how Virginia Citizens Corps, a volunteer program to help communities prepare for natural disasters, civil emergencies and acts of terrorism, is coordinating state and local efforts. Suzanne R. Simmons, Program Manager; Virginia Department of Emergency Management

#### 11:30 Preparing People For Emergencies

Learn how people, families and businesses can better prepare. Marc LaFountain, Public Outreach Coordinator; Virginia Department of Emergency Management

#### 1:30 Mi Cultura Latino (My Latin Culture) Workshop

Discover what Hispanic/Latinos view as their most pressing needs and learn how you can reach out with quality service to this community. Cathy Brown, Hispanic Outreach Manager; United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg 2-1-1 Information & Referral Center

#### 3:15 Best Practices in Aging I&R/Care Coordination

Participant discussion & sharing



# Virginia Alliance of Information and Referral Systems 2006 Conference

Essential Partners: I &R and 2-1-1 in Disaster & Recovery

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Holiday Inn Select 2801 Plank Rd Fredericksburg, VA 22401 (800) 682-1049

#### **VAIRS PURPOSE**

To increase general community awareness and utilization of Information and Referral (I&R) services, improve the quality of information and referral through education, training and advocacy, foster better communications and relationships among information and referral providers, provide members with information on new human services and changes in existing services, and assist members to meet and maintain national information and referral standards as set by the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems and the national 2-1-1 collaborative.

For more information about VAIRS, visit <a href="www.vairs.org">www.vairs.org</a> or contact VAIRS President Joan Phelps (434) 455-6906 or joan.phelps@unitedwaycv.org

#### **VAIRS Conference** \*

# Wednesday, May 17, 2006 – 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included

**Keynote Speakers at Lunch: Calling 2-1-1 in Disaster & Recovery** with Fran Ledger and Jonathan Padgett from 2-1-1 VIA LINK, New Orleans, Louisiana

- 8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Opening Session
- 9:00 National I&R Certification Exams (CIRS, CIRS-A and CRS apply to AIRS directly by April 14. See www.airs.org and Certification)

Workshops (choose 1 each time):

- 9:15 **Basics of I&R** Get an overview with problem assessment and communication skills for diverse populations. Especially for new I&R staff.
- 9:15 Addressing Challenging Callers Learn skills to help I & R call takers manage & defuse angry, upset, chatty, manipulative or abusive callers.
- 11:00 **Introducing 2-1-1 VIRGINIA** What is it? What are other states doing? How can I become a partner?
- 11:00 Classifying with the Taxonomy of Human Services Review the principles and system endorsed by AIRS for classifying human services.
- 11:00 **I&R Reaching Multicultural Populations** Discover strategies and techniques for working with different cultural communities.
- 2:00 Calling 2-1-1 in Disaster & Recovery Roundtable Discussion with our keynoters, 2-1-1 VIRGINIA leaders and Virginia officials.
- 2:00 Assessing Suicide Lethality with QPR Learn to Question, Persuade, and Refer -- 3 simple steps for those strategically placed to recognize and refer someone at risk of suicide.
- 2:00 **Family Violence You Make the Connection** Discover the dynamics in different populations and over time in order to make suitable referrals.

## Conference Sponsor:

## Virginia Department of Social Services

**Special Guests:** Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Virginia Emergency Management Association

A brief Annual Business Meeting including election of VAIRS Board of Directors will occur during lunch.

#### Deadline for Registration by Mail: Friday, May 12, 2006

#### **REGISTRATION** – use one form per person

Name:				
Title:				
Organization:				
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E-mail:				
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Register for VAIRS Conference Wednesday, May 17, 2006				
Select 1 O	ption:			
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	\$30	VDA training AIRS Standard me	ember *	
<del></del>	\$25	AIRS Enhanced o	r Premium member *	
	\$70	Non-members of AIRS – or go to <a href="www.airs.org">www.airs.org</a> to get a Basic AIRS membership for \$50		
	\$10	Fee for those not a taking a certification	attending VAIRS conference but only on exam	
Additional Option – get a second day of training:				
	\$27	Aging Information & Referral/ Care Coordination Annual Training - Thursday, May 18, 2006 – same location		
\$	_	TOTAL enclosed		
* To qualify for AIRS rates, please include a copy of your AIRS membership certificate				
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Mail your completed registration form(s) and check * made payable to VAIRS to:				
	Faye D. Cates, MSSW Registration Questions			
VAIRS Registrar contact Faye Cates:				
Human Services Program Coordinator Virginia Department for the Aging (804) 662-9310				
1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100				
Richmond, Virginia 23229 E-mail: faye.cates@vda.virginia.gc			E-mail: faye.cates@vda.virginia.gov	

HOTEL INFO: Please make your own arrangements by calling (800) 682-1049 or (540) 786-8321. The conference rate is \$129 single or double, plus tax.

<sup>\*</sup> also on the Internet at www.vairs.org

#### **VAIRS Conference**

#### Wednesday, May 17, 2006

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

#### Keynote: Calling 2-1-1 in Disaster & Recovery

**Fran Ledger** Fran is a consultant on the Disaster Technical Assistance Project sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and on other projects in Singapore, San Diego, and Washington DC. Ms. Ledger comes from VIA LINK, the 21-1 center for the Greater New Orleans Area, where she oversaw the Jefferson/Orleans Parish Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a collaborative client management system of 60 agencies.

Jonathan Padgett: Jonathan is the current Information Systems & Technology Director for VIA LINK. Jonathan developed the strategic plan for VIA LINK's technology infrastructure, which he continues to supervise and implement. Jonathan also administers both UNITY's Homeless Management Information System and the Greater New Orleans Community Resource Directory. Before assuming his position at VIA LINK, Jonathan served as the Technical Support Manager of an educational software company, a Research Law Librarian, and as a freelance editor. He currently lives in New Orleans with his wife and four rescue pets.

VIA LINK 2-1-1 offers Information & Referral (I&R) to New Orleans and surrounding area (12 parishes in all). Affiliated with area United Ways, its I&R services expanded to become a 2-1-1 center in June 2001. VIA LINK also provides crisis intervention through the national suicide prevention lifeline, as well as a friendly support line for youth, YOUTH LINK. Moreover, they act as the system-wide administrators and coordinators for the HMIS of the Greater New Orleans Continuum of Care.

Just prior to Hurricane Katrina, VIA LINK staff had to evacuate their services to Monroe, LA, and quickly ramp up a very small 2-1-1 center there to handle the tremendous post-disaster call volume from the Greater New Orleans area.

Karen Hyatt, 2-1-1 Disaster Coordinator for the United Way of America, who recently visited and evaluated VIA LINK's programs in New Orleans, wrote "Out of a staff of twenty plus I&R Specialists and 2-1-1 hotline staff, only half have been able to return home. People call VIA LINK for housing, or medicine, or transportation or funding to pay their bills...and the VIA LINK staff can't just click on resources for Orleans Parish as they normally would....Over half the non-profits in their service area have been defunded or are inoperable at this time. The resource manager and his staff have done a tremendous job of starting almost from scratch, verifying their resources and finding out who is back and who isn't. But answering the calls of people who can't obtain housing, when you yourself don't have a permanent place to live, is difficult. The staff at VIA LINK somehow make this look easy."...

#### **VAIRS Conference**

#### Wednesday, May 17, 2006

#### **WORKSHOP LEADERS**

- **9:15 Basics of I&R** Sharon Doner, Director, Jewish Information & Referral Service (JIRS), Rockville, MD. Sharon is a dynamic trainer for Maryland and national AIRS and founder of JIRS of Greater Washington. She is an M.S.W. Social Worker with her own I&R training company, Training for You.
- **9:15** Addressing Challenging Callers Marion Bennett, Database Manager, SeniorNavigator. Marion has over 20 years of IT experience. As SeniorNavigator's Database Manager, she oversees the application and the development of data analysis practices and programs for this extensive website for senior citizens and those who work with them.
- **11:00** Introducing **2-1-1** VIRGINIA Kristi Stilen-Lare, 2-1-1 VIRGINIA Coordinator, Council of Community Services, the lead development agency. Kristi has been with 2-1-1 VIRGINIA from its start. She manages the regional center contracts, coordinates with phone companies and staffs VAIRS' 2-1-1 Task Force.
- **11:00** Classifying with the Taxonomy of Human Services *Tylee Smith, I&R Manager, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.* Tylee is an AIRS Taxonomy Trainer and Certified Resource Specialist. She oversees a database of 4400 services and is part of a group developing a metro DC website of services.
- **11:00 I&R – Reaching Multicultural Populations** *– Shari Dogbo, Program Manager for Self-Sufficiency, Center for Multicultural Human Services.* Shari was a Peace Corps volunteer in Central and West Africa and has over ten years of experience working with diverse populations seeking to access services. CMHS serves around 8,000 people a year with a staff of 80 speaking over 30 languages.
- 2:00 Calling 2-1-1 in Disaster & Recovery Roundtable Discussion Tamara Schomber, former Crisis Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Director, United Way of America. Tamara has assisted United Ways and 2-1-1s throughout the U.S. in responding to disasters. She is currently a private consultant based in the Richmond, Virginia area.
- 2:00 Assessing Suicide Lethality with QPR Calvin Nunnally, Suicide Prevention Training Manager, Center for Injury and Violence Prevention, Virginia Department of Health. Calvin has made numerous presentations on the state and national level and currently works to coordinate suicide prevention training for schools and other organizations across Virginia.
- **2:00** Family Violence Peggy Sullivan, Community Outreach Coordinator, ACTS/Turning Points. Peggy is on the faculty of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, educating therapists, judges, and law enforcement on domestic violence and prevention. Turning Points operates a 24-hour hotline and two battered women's shelters with transitional services in Prince William County.